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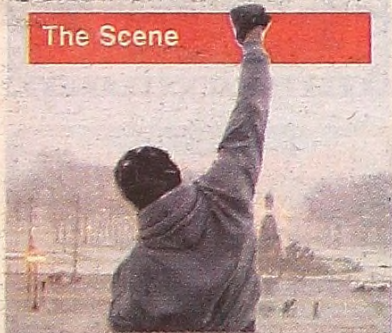
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2006 meant big wins, losses for city

Molly Tippen
Staff Writer

The year 2006 represented some big highs and tremendous lows for the 23,000 residents of Romulus.

While the specter of casinos and a race-track are beginning to take a clearer shape, the city lost the 15-year battle to prevent two deep waste wells from operating near the Interstate 94 interchange.

After a legal battle that cost the city \$1 million in fees, the State of Michigan granted Environmental Disposal Systems an operating license for the Citrin Road facility. Less than a year later, the wells were shut down

because of a leak. The Detroit Police and Firefighters Pension System, the major backer of the wells, also forced a change in ownership.

Mayor Alan Lambert said the city may have lost the battle in 2006, but could win the war in 2007.

"The pension system is trying to find a new operator for the well, and they're not having much luck," he said. "We have a good reason to think the wells may be closed forever. If they re-open, we'll deal with that."

Councilman William Crova said he thinks the well issue was the most important that the seven-member city council had to deal with this year.

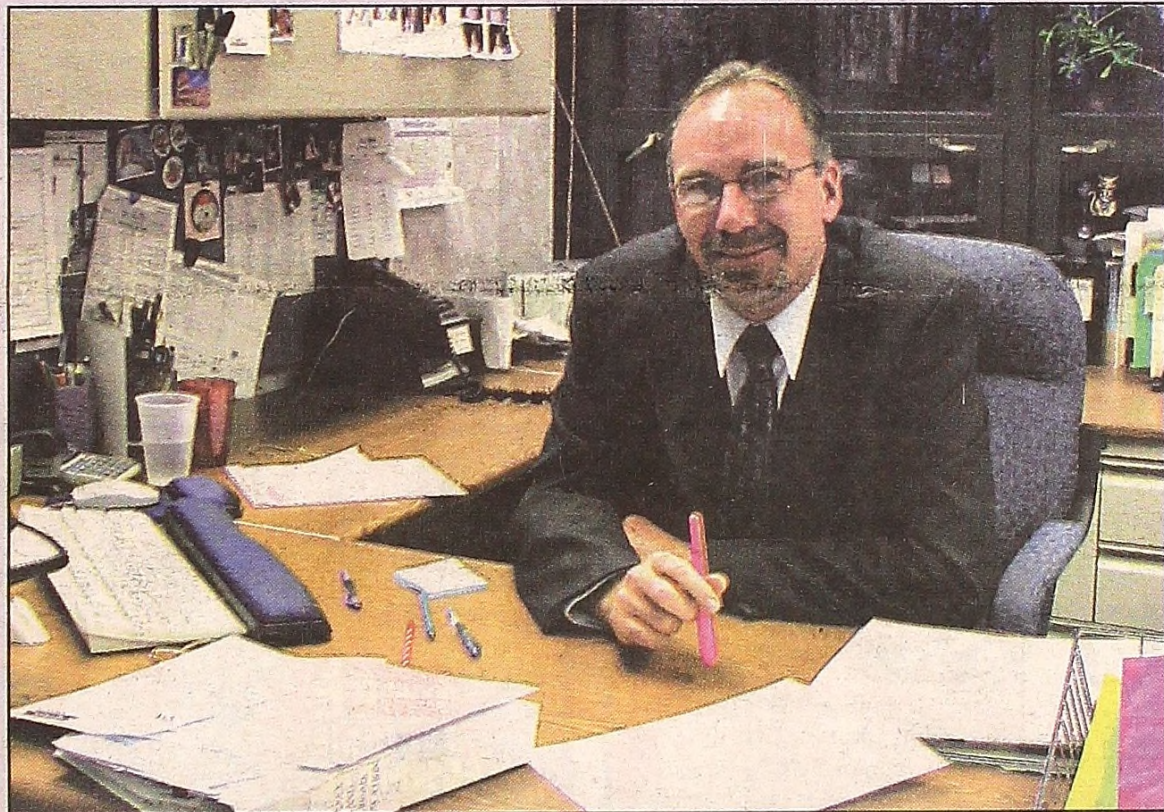
"Obviously we were disappointed when they got the license," he said. "It's something that adversely affects our community, and we're going to have to deal with it for the foreseeable future."

There are some sleeper stories in development a revitalization that are important to the city, but don't get a lot of ink, Keyes said.

One is the revitalization programs that are occurring on the Merriman Road corridor.

"Merriman Road is going to be very important to us going forward," said Keyes. "We're already demolishing one of the old hotels to make room for some new develop-

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Romulus Economic Development Director Tim Keyes takes a short break in his office at city hall.

Keyes is 'Newsmaker of the Year'

Molly Tippen
Staff Writer

On a daily basis, he sits in an office in the far corner of the Romulus City Hall trying to devise ways for the city to be seen as something more than an outpost for the Detroit Metropolitan Airport.

It's been a daunting task, but Economic Developer Tim Keyes - the Romulus "Newsmaker of the Year" - said there's nothing like working for a municipality - and he missed the excitement of working on creating an environment that will affect thousands of people, and last generations.

"When I worked in the private sector I missed government," said Keyes. "I think there's quite a few things that are different - you're account-

able to the public, and there's an energy here that you just can't find anywhere else."

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Keyes - and his staff - spend hours pouring through information about casinos, retailers, industrial companies and residential developments. The goal, he said, is to make the community a more desirable

place to live, and to attract new families.

It's not as easy as it looks.

Keyes was hired as the city economic development director in 2001 in tandem with the election of Mayor Alan Lambert. He learned about the position when Lambert - who was running a close campaign against Mayor William Oakley - contacted to him to learn more about economic development. Keyes, at that time, was working in the private sector.

"Mayor Lambert really wanted to learn more about opportunities in economic development and to further educate himself," he said. "I knew immediately that this was the type of place I wanted to work."

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Schools endure tough year

Molly Tippen
Staff Writer

The Romulus Community School District weathered a difficult storm this year, and officials expect there could be more bad weather on the horizon.

The \$350 million statewide school aid budget shortfall could mean more per-student pupil funding cuts, which could wash away a per-student increase granted to school districts to cover general expenses - wages, utilities and other fixed costs.

Schools spokesman Dick Kruse said the district has faced many challenges this year, and will continue to work on issues that crop up in the New Year.

"We're waiting to see what happen next year, but we've been able to get through a lot this year," he said. "We had some layoffs, and we're still working out how to deal with those. There's some tweaking and fine-tuning that we need to do."

The 4,200-student district came under the leadership of Superintendent Carl Weiss when longtime Superintendent Joel Carr retired in August 2006, and some big changes came in when the district changed hands.

Weiss immediately asked the seven-member school board to approve a limited Schools of Choice program at Merriman and Halecreek elementary schools - something that the board and Carr had rejected in the past.

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New cable legislation prompts officials concern

Scott Spielman
Editor

The cable franchise bill approved by the Michigan House of Representatives and Senate should hit the governor's desk soon, and municipalities are concerned about the impact it could have.

The Senate approved the Uniform Video Services Local Franchise Act last week, despite a heavy lobbying effort from many local elected officials and lobbying firms such as the Michigan Municipal League.

"We had the same concerns as anyone else," said Northville

City Manager Pat Sullivan. "We had some contact with our elected representatives, and of course the municipal league was working hard on it."

The legislation means that cable companies don't have to have a local franchise agreement to operate within a municipality. The approvals are all granted through a standard state-wide approval process. Officials have voiced concern about that, the potential loss of the revenue the local franchise fees bring in and a decrease in their control of their own rights of way.

State lawmakers touted the bill as a way to create competi-

tion among cable providers in the name of driving down rates for consumers. Telecommunications giant AT&T—which is expanding cable offerings—lobbied hard for approval of the bill.

AT&T has pledged \$620 million in investments in Michigan and could bring 2,000 jobs to the state if the bill is approved, said Joe Steele, a spokesman for AT&T.

"I don't think municipalities need to worry about losing any revenue," he said. "I don't think there's going to be a negative effect. This will ultimately open up the marketplace for video services."

He said the revenue side isn't a big concern since the amount the companies will have to give back to the communities is generally in line with what the city receives now.

Thelma Kubitskey, assistant manager of Northville Township, said franchise fees from Comcast and Wide Open West (WOW), have totaled \$219,000 last year, \$187,000 the year before and about \$171,000 the year before that. The fees have gone up as people have moved into the township.

"It's based on the number of people that connect to cable service," she said.

The legislation has yet to be signed by the governor and Kubitskey said she's not yet sure what impact it will have on Northville Township, which was among the first municipality in the state to open up to competing cable franchises.

"The legislation has changed so many times," Kubitskey said. "I'm not sure of the details yet."

Staff Writer Molly Tippen contributed to this story.

Belleville Rotary Club buys fire fighting equipment

The Charles B Cozadd Rotary Foundation of the Belleville Rotary Club recently awarded the Belleville Fire Department a \$28,000 grant to fund new equipment.

The funds will go toward a SCBA Compressor and Filling Station to allow firefighters to refill the self-contained breathing apparatus cylinders. It also allows firefighters to go into an Immediate Dangerous to Life and Health Atmosphere (IDLH) and a smoke or fire filled home to put out a fire and be able to breathe while inside the house,

according to officials.

The donation also provided the fire department with a Thermal Imaging Camera, which allows firefighters to virtually see through smoke while in a building. It also allows them to find people trapped in a fire and rescue more rapidly than previous techniques, officials said.

Rotary members said the fire department greatly needed the equipment to help improve their service to the community by providing a safer environment for firefighters and the

safety of the citizens of Belleville. Foundation members include: President David Brown, Vice-President Darryl Raymond, Secretary/Treasurer Donald Juchartz, Director Robert Coutts, Director Carol Dolph, Director Douglas Brown and Director Keith Bruder, who is also Belleville Rotary Club President.

The Belleville Rotary Club exists to provide service to the citizens and agencies to the City of Belleville, Van Buren Township and Sumpter Township. Rotary identifies

needs and executes worthwhile projects within the community and supports the efforts of their Rotary district and international to help people worldwide, according to the club.

The purpose of the Charles B. Cozadd Rotary Foundation is to receive and administer funds for scientific, educational and charitable purposes for public welfare, members said.

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Music to their ears

The Romulus Band Boosters hosted a successful bazaar last week to generate funds for new uniforms and equipment for the Romulus High School Marching Eagles. Members of the group displayed colorful, Christmas-themed items to help attract customers. Here (first row) Caitlin Lefler, and her mother, Christina Lefler, join (second row) Mary Lou Hardin, Theresa McLachlan, Rob McLachlan, Henry James and band director Karen Britt enjoy the event.

Year - Merriman plan important future of the city

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ment. We're getting calls from developers all of the time asking us about what our plan for the road is – we didn't have that before the work started."

The Ramada Inn is currently being torn down. Keyes said the hope is that office and retail development will spring up along Merriman Road.

The other is a housing development that is being developed by Cincinnati-based Bear Creek Capital. The development signifies the first project in the Metro World development, which the city hopes will be a mixed-use, office, industrial, technical and residential enclave surrounding the Detroit Metropolitan Airport.

"This is one of the developments that's going to help us attract other development for Metro World," Keyes said.

Bear Creek Capital representatives signed a deal in March to create a retail district within the 1,500-acre site near Wayne and Wick roads. The city council reamended the planned development agreement to allow the company to set up shop on a 300-acre parcel that was originally earmarked for technology and industrial space.

Other things that came to fruition this year were the construction of the recreation center on Wayne and Northline roads, and the grand opening of the senior center, which was constructed using Tax Increment Financing Authority funds.

Though development was brisk, Lambert said he was disappointed that more planned projects didn't come on line this year.

"The overall state of the econ-

omy had a lot to do with it," he said. "The housing market just fell flat, but we're lucky to have three developments still building. And we still have commercial development.

"The bottom line is that we've had a lot more going on in the past year than other cities," he said. "I think we've been fortunate in a lot of ways."

The city also was successful in balancing the budget this year without any noticeable effect on the community, said Crova.

"It's a tight time for us – we're no different than other communities in that regard," he said. "We didn't have any layoffs this year, which I see as positive for us."

The city has about \$1 million in a rainy day fund.

The general operating budget is \$21 million.

Schools - 2007 brings uncertainty about revenues

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"So far, that's going really well," said board member Betty Lenossi. She added that there has been no formal talk of expanding the program. "It's not something that's even been discussed," she said.

Schools of Choice – the state law that allows students who live within the boundaries of a failing district to move to a better district – has been controversial in Romulus because taxpayers in the district pay more for schools than surrounding communities. That, in turn, means that the parent or parents of a student enrolled in a Choice program may be paying less in school taxes.

Romulus School Board mem-

bers dealt with 100 parents filing into a public meeting to complain about taxation in 2005.

The Schools of Choice program brought in about 45 new, out-of-district students and netted the district about \$300,000 in funding. Introducing the program did not, however, stop the need to lay off 42 teachers, bus drivers, paraprofessionals, nurses, social workers and clerical employees to solve a \$1 million budget shortfall.

Lenossi said laying off the employees was necessary to keep the district solvent.

"It was the hardest thing I had to do the entire time I've been on the board," she said. "Some of the bus drivers were recalled because the number of students on the buses didn't fall as we

thought it would."

The district will continue to undergo personnel changes in 2007. About 20 main office employees accepted a buyout plan offered to employees in 2005, with the agreement that they would leave either in 2006 or 2007.

Kruse said the district is busy finding ways to make sure those transitions move smoothly.

It is not known how the district will cope with another aid cut in 2007 until the state announces how deep the cut will be – if it happens at all.

"We haven't looked at that yet, but our financial director is keeping an eye on all of those things," Lenossi said. "We're being updated on all of those things."

Keyes - Image of city is important

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Since then, several projects have been proposed in the city, the most vital being the casino and racetrack that should rise on land near Interstate 94, Keyes said. The stakes are high on several developments, however.

Currently, the casino and racetrack, the mixed-use Metro World project and the county-sponsored industrial and office development known as Pinnacle are the projects Keyes said he works on daily.

"Those are the cornerstone of the 'Airport City,'" he said.

For several years, the city endured a development lull, and while Keyes refuses to accept any of the credit for the more recent spike in activity, he said the city didn't always capitalize on some of its positives.

"We have so many things going for us that other communities don't," he said. "When I first took this job, I drove around the city. There are places here that you would never guess are in a metro Detroit suburb. You drive out there, and it's rural. We have land for development, and that's good."

He said there's also natural opportunities that exist because of the airport, which constitutes a mammoth 24 percent of the land in the city. Other cities have not always seen it that way, however.

"We have an airport and excellent freeway access," he said.

"This is good for transport, which is one reason I believe we'll see more high tech and industrial development in this city." Other cities, he added, are seeing a decline in those two sectors.

Keyes began his career after graduating from Central Michigan University with a bachelor's degree in recreation plan-

ning in the early 1980s. He was going to pursue a career planning the layout of recreation facilities. He was accepted into a prestigious, out-of-state university to pursue a master's degree, but love stepped in. Keyes and his college sweetheart, Laura, decided to stay in Michigan. The only problem was, there were few jobs to be had.

"I took the first job that came up, and that was with a cable company," he said. "I planned where the lines would run when the area was getting wired for cable service."

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if Tim wasn't here.

Mayor Lambert

The job was not ideal, but it changed the focus of his career.

"It was there that I started thinking about government," he said.

Later came stints with the City of Taylor and Horizon Properties, a private company in Taylor.

Government, however, called again in 2001, when Keyes came to Romulus.

Lambert said that Keyes has played a key role in the city development outlook.

"Put simply, a lot of these developments wouldn't be here if Tim wasn't here," he said. "More than other department heads, the economic development director is in constant contact with the mayor. It's important to have someone who has good ideas in that spot, and we found that in Tim."

Keyes said there are several frustrating aspects of his job. "The thing that's hard to take is the smaller developments that just don't come here, like a chain grocery store," he said. "Those are things you know people want."

He said that accepting criticism is not hard to do at all if it's fair.

"We work for the residents, and taking criticism and listening to them is part of our job."



Good deeds

The Romulus Middle School "Leadership Students" worked hard this holiday season to collect food for area families who are experiencing tough times. When the final tally was complete, more than 2,300 gift baskets were given to the Romulus Goodfellows to distribute in the city. Here (left to right), Andrew McNeil, Tim Rhotan and Scott Ladach of the Goodfellows accept baskets from students Carmen Plank, Tara Radford, Betty Santo, teacher Cierra Baxter, Diamond Dortch, Ivory Cross, Fatima Sheikh, Vanessa Wilson, Hailie Laginess, Hahleigh Bovol, Zachary Williams, Eric Radford, Stephanie Andrew and Benjamin Camerilli.

OPINION

Cheers and jeers

It's inevitable. As a New Year dawns, we can't help but look back at the events and people that shaped our communities.

There has been plenty to watch, talk and opine about, too, from the lackluster economy, ugly political campaigns and those who have striven to make our community a better place. Here's a look at the good and bad things that happened – as well as the downright peculiar – during 2006 as compiled by our writers.

Belleville:

The good: After more than 60 years without a new fire station, Van Buren Township finally got one this year. The new \$3.9 million, 18-square-foot facility was made possible mainly because of the help of the Downtown Development Authority. As if that's not enough, the township will also get another fire station—appropriately named Fire Station 2—in the upcoming year, as well.

The bad: The 50-year-old St. Anthony's Academy had to close in June. The school was in debt because of renovations, declining enrollment and expenses that became too much to handle, which meant closing permanently. It's unfortunate that a landmark school in Belleville had to go.

The goofy: The City of Belleville is trying to balance the books from 2006, 2005 and yes, even 2004. The financial struggle carried on throughout the entire year and also factored in the loss of two city treasurers. Luckily, auditors have stepped in to clean up the financial mess and are well on their way to getting the figures and books together and current.

Inkster:

The good: Inkster voters saw through a potentially damaging ballot proposal to change the parameters of the Inkster City Charter. The proposal would have usurped the authority of the city manager and divided the council and mayor for the years.

The bad: The fight regarding the charter reached such preposterous levels that local politicians who wanted to see the proposal approved visited churches to make their case. Residents looking to relax and worship were instead treated to a tirade about council members who did not support the charter, and who did not vote in favor of a \$4.4 million loan to repair vacant public housing units. Note to officials and ministers: Politics pervades almost all institutions in Inkster, but it ought to stay out of church.

The goofy: Three months ago, a school member expressed dismay that there wasn't a lot of good news being reported from Inkster (which isn't true, by the way). The school board member, Hardy Robb, said we failed to report that enrollment went up at the schools. The only problem was that the official count day – on which school aid funding is based – had not come around yet. As a school board member responsible for the fiscal health of a 1,300-student district, shouldn't he have known when that date was?

Romulus

Good: Romulus was able to make some headway on the casino this year by signing an agreement with the Hannahville Tribe of Petosky to open a gambling hall. Though many residents and officials wonder about a casino economy, it's hard to argue with the fact that 3,000 jobs will be created in a region that badly needs them.

Bad: The long fight about the city injection wells looks like it might have ended with the city on the wrong side of the outcome. Though there are many passionate opinions about the well – the fact that they could be unsafe, and that they're not a harbinger for other, positive development – the fact that the wells were allowed to operate was highly predictable. The city, 15 years ago, invited the well operators in, and then when officials realized that having them was a political time bomb, wanted to back off. The wells, which have been temporarily shut down, will likely operate again, and the city will have to deal with

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A trip back to the future

Well, 2006 will soon be a memory.

The ending of one year and the beginning of another hits everyone in different ways: some get nostalgic, some hopeful, others just shake their heads and wonder where it all went. All three apply to me, depending on the time of day and whether or not my energy drink is wearing off.

There's always a constant, though. I always think about the things I didn't have a chance to follow through on.

Today I'm reminded of a Wayne resident who came to me during the summer, an old paper in his hand. Perhaps in a bit of similar nostalgia, he had been going through old things and came across a Wayne Eagle dated June 28, 1951. He had saved it because it also contained an article about him coming home on leave (he served in the Navy from 1950 to 1954).

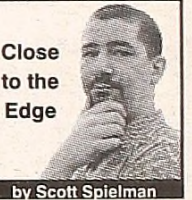
The thing he showed me wasn't about him, though, it was about the city—or village, at the time. It was a full-page ad with a banner across the top:

Did you ever wonder why we say... 'Shop in Wayne?' It's the modern shopping center.

Beneath that it listed an astonishing figure: there were 398 reasons to shop in Wayne; a breakdown of those services followed. In addition to the 17 furniture and appliance stores listed, there were 27 restaurants, bars and nightclubs. There were two local newspapers at the time, a farm equipment store, 42 grocers and bakers, three feed stores, three shoe repair stores and two shoe stores, two sporting goods stores, three theaters, 19 wholesalers and manufacturers, a music store, four men's clothing stores, six women's dress shops...the list went on and on.

The resident included a letter to the editor with the page that unfavorably compared it with the City of Wayne today. It even ended with the line: Shame on Wayne.

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Looking for a little feedback

I've been reporting on the Belleville community for almost three years now.

My weekly routine goes something like this: make as many phone calls, meetings and events in both Belleville and Van Buren Township as I possibly can in order to cover as many news, features, schools, police and other stories as I possibly can.

Sometimes people don't understand why I didn't cover the so-and-so event on this day or why I wasn't at this meeting at this time, but that's because I physically can't be in two places at once (although at times I wish I could be.) I'm not trying to make light of the situation; I'm just trying to explain how it is. I try to do my best to cover as many newsworthy things as possible.

That's where you, the public, come in.

I want to hear your comments and suggestions. Whether they're good or bad, all of them are welcome. Believe it or not, I, too, have room to improve. I want to hear constructive criticism and, although there's always going to be certain stories, topics and issues I'm required to cover, I'm also always looking for new story ideas to cover, too.

I wouldn't exactly call myself new to the area (in case you really don't know who I am you'll see me—the 5-foot, 4-inch, blonde-haired, blue-eyed girl—wandering around the city/township from time to time, regularly posted at the city/township meetings and events.) I do consider myself to know most of the happenings around town, but there's still territory left uncovered.

Now knowing that, feel free to give me a call, send

me a letter or drop me an email if you've got a story to share and would like it to be heard. It can be anything from area do-gooders, city/township concerns to even a heroic family pet. Granted the topics may not always make it into the paper, but either way, I appreciate some type of feedback. That's something I haven't received much over my reporting years.

I would like to say that the lack of feedback is because I do such a tremendous job covering the Belleville area, but in reality I know that's not entirely the case. Believe me though, I won't be offended if you tell me how much you hated a story and, of course, I love to hear compliments, I mean who doesn't?

When you're a reporter, you learn the ways of the trade. That means for the most part, take things as they come, expect the unexpected and yes, it's even come to the point where the worst stories—murders, pedophiles, criminals, etc.—are just another day on the job. Luckily, writing for Belleville I don't have to report too many of those, however they do happen.

As a reporter, I can honestly say that there's not too much that shocks me. I've become somewhat jaded.

People say that in this industry you tend to grow a thick skin and snide comments roll off your shoulders and weird looks are simply the norm, I guess I too have grown a layer or two throughout the years. That's not to say that I'm completely unapproachable.

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Cheers

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Goofy: Two Westland men took advantage of an elderly Canadian woman this summer by stealing \$10,000 she had in a suitcase this summer at a Romulus Hotel. However, what happened next was a bit bizarre: The two men took the money and their fishing gear for a scenic trip in Mason County. After a few days fishing off the shores of lake superior; they were stopped by Michigan State Police troopers for having a broken taillight. Suffice to say the men won't be fishing for a long, long time.

Wayne:

The Good: In a year dominated by bleak news from the Big Three automakers, Ford Motor Co. announced a modest—to them, at \$29 million—investment in the Wayne Stamping and Assembly Plant to help make way for a fresh version of the Ford Focus. The news was tempered several weeks later with an announcement to cut a shift at the Michigan Truck Plant, but we still see the investment as a good thing.

The Good: Wayne voters made their voices heard in November and contributed to a change in power in the House

Future

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It struck a chord with me. Not because I feel the need to hold the city leaders of today responsible for the mistakes of the past, but because it spoke to the potential of the city. I look at it as a description of where we were in the past and I compare it to where we are now and then wonder: how can we get back there?

Now, I don't think we have to truly recreate the past as we go forward. I don't see the need for one feed store, let alone three. And do we really need 39 gas stations, as there were in 1951? Probably not.

We do, though, need more of some types of businesses. I'd like to see more family restaurants. I'd like to see more gift or

of Representatives. A strong Democratic showing in Wayne, coupled with a general unhappiness with the Republican Party, helped Democrats wrest the 20th House Seat from the Republicans, who had held the seat since it was redistricted in 2000.

The Bad: Budget woes hit the city again, forcing several layoffs and program cuts. The contentious nature of the budget discussions left a pall over the city that will no doubt be revisited when discussions start up for next year.

The Goofy: The Newburgh Road bridge project had more deadlines than...well, than we did. The project was finally complete the week before construction typically ends for the season, but look on the bright side: the new structure is so well reinforced it's probably the only place on Earth the moon could safely land.

Westland:

The Good: Westland residents turned out in full force this year to honor veterans. The long-awaited visit by the Vietnam Moving Wall, a Lee Greenwood benefit concert for area veterans' groups, and the implementation of a new veterans' housing program highlighted much-needed efforts begun this year. On a sadder note, the community came together again to mourn the loss of 35-year-old Marine Sgt.

retail shops—specialty places that would make Wayne a destination location. And in some cases, I think we need our business and property owners to do a better job of keeping up their land or buildings so that as a community we can inch forward.

I'm going to focus on those kinds of things in the coming year through a loose series of columns I'm tossing around in my head under the theme: 'changing the mind set'. It won't be an easy road, because there are some prominent people on it, already. Change sometimes has to start from the top, though, and it can be spurred on from pressure from the bottom. We'll see where it leads.

Last year did have some successes here—they were minor, but too many too mention. With a unified front and a sense of purpose, we can expand on those in the future.

Bryan Kevin Burgess of Westland, who died in Iraq last month.

Also Good: Despite economic woes, the City of Westland remains on course with an increasing fund balance. They've had financial worries before and likely will again, but for now the books are balanced without any too much budgetary carnage.

The Bad: Why was it kept under wraps for so long that Central City Park has problems with lead contamination? Some call it a conspiracy; others good old fashioned mishandling. Either way, don't repeat history. Whether it takes endless meetings or a cattle prod, lose the excuses and make sure that everyone involved—state, county, and city—keeps the public informed.

Also Bad: The campaign between State

Rep. Glenn Anderson (D-Westland) and incumbent State Sen. Laura Toy (R-Livonia) was about as ugly as any in the state. Congratulations, Glenn, you did yourself proud.

The Goofy: Some residents were dismayed by the removal of the iconic—but crumbling—smokestack at the former Eloise site. Although it was a definite loss for historians, residents need to focus on something even more important. As the years pass, fewer and fewer people remember the complex as it was. For those who do, take the time to write down those stories, memories, or family lore before it slips away. Few can decide the fate of the 'brick and mortar' buildings, but those tales are what gives them meaning anyway.

TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN TOWNSHIP, MICHIGAN PUBLIC NOTICE OF DETERMINED USES OF 2007 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS

Pursuant to Federal guidelines, the Charter Township of Van Buren, during the public hearing process on December 5, 2006, determined the following projects and respective funding levels for the 2007-08 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program:

ADA	\$25,000
Public Services	
Youth Services	\$13,270
Senior Services	\$12,000
Housing Rehabilitation	\$69,430
Planning / Administration	\$13,300
Total Funding	\$133,000

*In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, accommodations can be made available with advance notice.

Township Clerk Joannie D. Payne
46425 Tyler Road
Belleville, MI 48111

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CITY OF ROMULUS Request for Qualifications

The City of Romulus is proud to announce a Request for Qualifications ("RFQ") to select an ideal developer for a 32-acre property in the southeast corner of Romulus. The City-owned development site ("the site") consists of three properties that are being consolidated into one for ease of development. The vision is to develop a high quality moderate density residential neighborhood that will increase the diversity of housing options in the community and to support the housing demand that will be created by the new employment opportunities in and near the City. The development must also include open space/park use areas and has the potential for a neighborhood commercial component.

A market demand is generated by the ever-improving and expanding airport located immediately northwest of the site, the proposed Pinnacle Airport a few miles southwest, the expanding regional commercial center along Merriman Road and Vining Road, and the planned Southern Gateway development area at the I-275/Eureka Road interchange just a few miles west. This increase in demand is already seen in new residential developments planned all over the City. The majority of which are single family detached homes, thereby creating a need for attached single family and multiple family residential.

The site is a prime setting for quality development with direct access to Eureka Road, easy access to other major arterials such as Middlebelt and Inkster Road, and convenient access to regional highways such as I-275 and I-94. In addition, the site has the advantage of being situated on the outskirts of this activity while adjoining a prime residential area in the City. As such the site will maintain a strong residential presence and a comfortable environment for residents.

The City is in need of a greater variety of housing types and would expect the chosen development partner to have vast experience with the development of attached condominium developments. Because of the site's large size, several options for design and layout can be pursued, however all proposals should incorporate good planning principals including pedestrian connections, quality open space for both passive and active recreation, and high-quality design. In conjunction with the residential component, it could be beneficial to consider limited small-scale neighborhood commercial uses to serve surrounding residential neighborhoods.

Interested development teams should provide an RFQ Submission that documents the team's interest in the project. Submission details may be attained from the Planning and Economic Development Department of the City of Romulus, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, MI 48174, through Friday, February 2, 2007.

If you have any questions, please call Tim Keyes, Economic Development Director, at (734) 9554537.

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THE CITY OF ROMULUS REQUEST TO RECEIVE BIDS FOR THE FOLLOWING:

**BID 06/07-12 TWO DODGE VEHICLES FOR PUBLIC
SAFETY DEPARTMENT**
BID 06/07-13 One (1) PORTABLE EQUIPMENT STORAGE FACILITY

BID 06/07-14 DEMO LIST 05-02 & 04-02
9496 Wayne Road - Barn
34580 McBride - Single family residence, and garage
28275 Smith Road - Single Family Residence
28301 Smith -Single Family Residence and Garage
6416 Wayne Road - Commercial Building, Accessory Building and Signs

The City of Romulus, Michigan is seeking bids from qualified vendors for the above item/s and/or service/s.

(1) Qualified individuals and firms wishing to submit bids must do so on forms **provided by the City**. Bid forms and specifications may be obtained from Lynn A. Conway, Purchasing Coordinator, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan, by calling (734) 955-4568 or by emailing Iconway@ci.romulus.mi.us or on the City of Romulus Web Site, <http://www.romulusgov.com/index.asp?site=24&item=1441>

(2) Bids must be submitted in sealed envelopes and returned to the City Clerk's Office no later than 3:00 p.m., Tuesday, January 15, 2006

**BID ENVELOPES MUST BE CLEARLY MARKED WITH THE BID
NUMBER AND NAME AND BE ADDRESSED TO:**

BID #
CITY OF ROMULUS CLERK'S OFFICE
11111 Wayne Road,
Romulus, Michigan, 48174

(3) At approximately 3:15p.m. said bids shall be publicly opened and read

(4) The City reserves the right to reject any and all bids and proposals and to waive technicalities.

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THE SCENE

ROCKY BALBOA

Rocky movie franchise ends with knockout film

Every great fighter, regardless of age, has one great fight left in him.

Both Sylvester Stallone and his loveable punch-drunk super boxer with a heart of gold *Rocky Balboa* proved that true with the release of the sixth installment of the heralded franchise—give or take an episode or two.

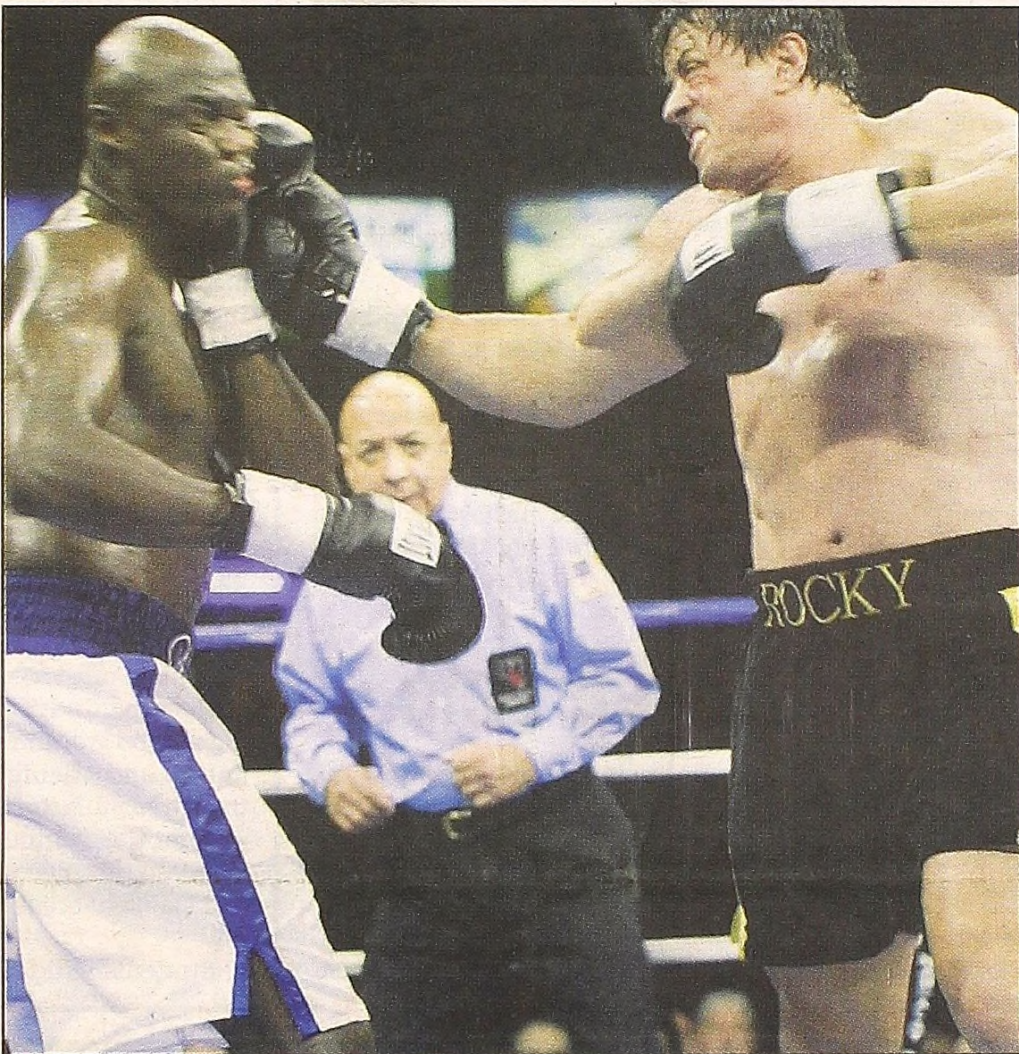
A week ago, the thought of watching *Rocky Balboa* (*Rocky VI*) seemed preposterous. But once the theme song started and the title 'Rocky Balboa' slid from right to left across the screen, the doubts drifted away and excitement settled in. After all it was a Rocky movie and how can you not cheer for Rocky.

Balboa was 30 years in the making but the end result is worth it. The final chapter is probably the proper and only way to end the series with no strings attached for a seventh sequel. Not to mention, it will make you forget about the horrendous fifth attempt back in 1990.

It's also a classy and unselfish finish from Stallone who also wrote and directed the finale. At times it is difficult to see the separation of actor from character, meaning it's as much Stallone as it is Balboa saying goodbye and ringing the final bell on the franchise.

Stallone returns the sluggish, shuffling characteristics and slow Philadelphia drawl to an ungracefully aging Rocky. Nothing much is new except Rocky has retired his boxing gloves for oven mitts as a restaurateur with a small and cozy Italian eatery named after his recently deceased wife, Adrian (played by Talia Shire in flashbacks).

The front end of the film is too heavy nearly tipping the scales to disappointment. It starts on the anniversary of



Adrian's death, which takes Rocky on a tour of all of the spots (the pet shop, Mickey's gym, his old apartment, the ice rink and Lucky's bar) that were special to him and Adrian. To moviegoers it is merely a Rocky's greatest moments montage. The older yet still witty Paulie (Burt Young) tags along to make things interesting

Don't worry it gets better.

Rocky obviously has problems moving forward after his tragic loss and failed attempts to carry on a relationship with his estranged son (*Heroes*' Milo Ventimiglia) He feels the only way to move forward is to step back into the ring. So he does what any 50-plus

year old boxer would do. He applies for his boxing license to do some "miniscule" stuff. However, things become bigger once ESPN asks the hypothetical question: who would win between Rocky and the present undefeated and the popularly disliked champ Mason *The Line* Dixon (Antonio Tarver)?

A computer predicts that Rocky would win the imaginary fight but the media and fight promoters think otherwise and makes the unimaginable tangible by setting up the match.

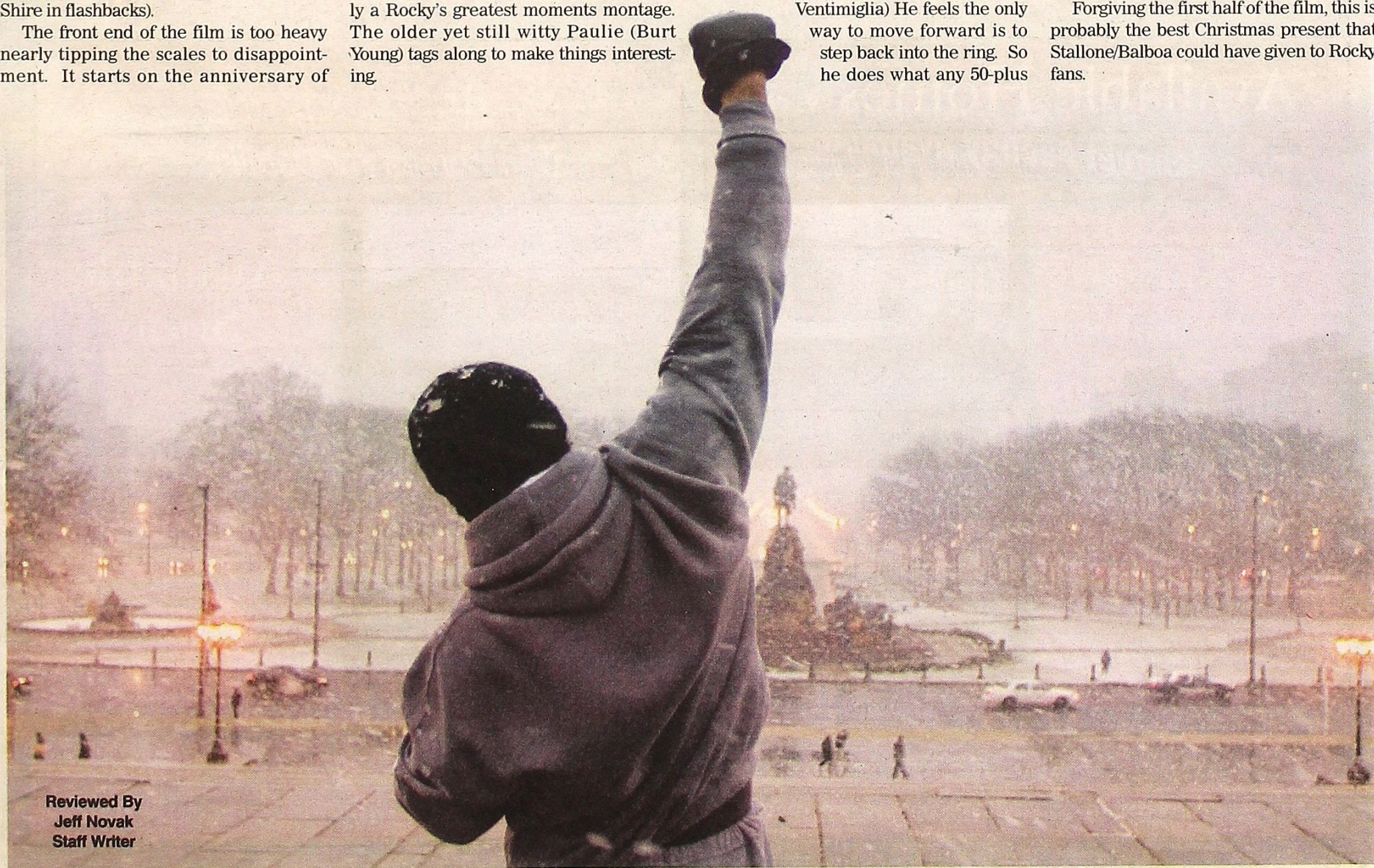
Unsure of himself, Rocky fires off one inspiring speech after another because that's what Rocky does—inspire. In this case the talks are for his sake more than others'.

The fight, even though Rocky's grisly body looks like he took beating before he even steps under the ropes, is as classic as any of his other pugilistic battles. He's slow and moves with the grace of a heavy-weight punching bag (and gets hit more than one) but he gets the job done.

The theater that I went to was packed for a Wednesday night and the theater audience cheered and even chanted "Rocky! Rocky! Rocky!" along with the movie crowd. What makes this exciting is that, since the first installment, Rocky is considered the underdog again—maybe even more so than the original.

Although the end isn't a typical ending for a Rocky movie, it is true to the heritage—true fans should respect. And as Rocky says at one point, "I have to go out the way I came in," couldn't be truer.

Forgiving the first half of the film, this is probably the best Christmas present that Stallone/Balboa could have given to Rocky fans.



Reviewed By
Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

Announcements

Noel-Droulliard wed

Michelle L. Noel became the bride of Webster Lloyd Droulliard, Jr. at an evening ceremony April 28 at St. Mary Catholic Church in Wayne.

Father Jack Baker officiated at the nuptials.

The bride is the daughter of Matt and Nancy (Wajewski) Noel of Wayne and the groom is the son of Marie and the late Webster Droulliard, Sr. of Westland.

Matron of honor at the nuptials was MarLynda Noel, the bride's sister. The groom's brother, Pete Droulliard, acted as best man at the service.

Bridesmaids included Shannon Wilson-Bukis of Wayne, Kimberly Saint Laurent of Northville, Karen Biundo of Spring Lake and Kelly Jeffries of Ypsilanti.

For her wedding, the bride chose a white gown with a silver Chantilly lace overlay and cathedral train. She carried white roses accented with silver sprayed eucalyptus. Her attendants wore navy

blue strapless gowns gathered at the hip with a silver rhinestone brooch.

Ushers at the ceremony were Lance Formolo of Seneca Falls and Chris Zajkowski of Mio.

The flower girl was Lexi Davis. She was dressed in a white spaghetti strap gown with a rhinestone design on the bodice. John Batees served as ringbearer for the couple.

Marguerite Wajewski and Helen Droulliard, respective grandmothers of the bride and groom, were special guests at the wedding.

Following the exchange of vows, the couple was chauffeured from the church to the Wayne Community Center in a horse-drawn white and navy blue carriage where they entertained more than 250 guests at a reception.

They honeymooned at a bed and breakfast in Fenville.

The bride earned her bachelor of arts degree in psychology at the



Mr. and Mrs. Webster Droulliard, Jr.

University of Michigan Dearborn. She is employed as a photo lab supervisor at CVS.

The groom earned his bachelor of science degree in computer and electrical engineering at the University of Michigan Dearborn. He is employed as a software developer/engineer with Raytheon.

College to offer diesel engineering class

Changes in the automotive industry have sparked changes in several programs available at the western campus of the Wayne County Community College District (WCCCD).

The college has realigned and refocused their heavy equipment maintenance and diesel engineering program to center on several different areas within the field. They include certification in: diesel engineering, drive train, brakes, suspension and steering, electrical electronics, heating ventilation and air conditioning, preventable maintenance and hydraulics.

"The program is designed to get students highly skilled in the field of diesel maintenance and industrial equipment," said Patrick McNally, president of the western campus.

"This is rated as part of the automotive industry as the highest job growth rate in the nation and Michigan. Even though manufacturing in the automotive industry is decreased, the need for repair and maintenance is still growing."

Students will learn skills

such as repairing engines, transmissions and drivelines; suspension adjustments; wheel alignments and tune-ups. The program is geared for people who are interested in potential careers like fleet maintenance technicians, fuel injection technicians, alignment specialists and engine rebuild specialists.

WCCCD is only one of the two college institutions in Michigan to offer this program, according to McNally.

"The other college is Ferris State University, so students are able to receive their entire degree with us and then fold that into the bachelors degree program at Ferris," he said. "This is a field that pays well for a qualified person: a typical salary of \$60,000-\$100,000 a year."

Officials said the program offers certification in specific areas, a one-year college certificate or an associate degree.

The heavy equipment maintenance and diesel engineering technology program will be offered during both day and night classes.

For more information, contact the school at (734) 699-7008.

Museum continues calendar sale

The Belleville Area Museum will continue to sell their 2007 historical calendars at the museum.

The calendar features a full-page local historic photograph of each month of the year. Some of the many include the former Sinclair gas station at Third and

Main streets in 1957, the Quirk School faculty from 1969-1970 and the Sumpter Welt Grocery store in the 1940's.

The cost is \$6. Calendars are also available for historical society members for \$5. Calendars can be purchased during the regular

museum hours from noon to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday. The calendars are also available in several area businesses and can be purchased through the mail.

To place an order or for more information, contact the museum at (734) 697-1944.

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SPORTS

Newsmaker of the Year 'Dean of Discipline' Greg Carter is awarded 2006 sports honor

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

Every once in a great while a coach comes along with an abundance of charisma, an unmatched work ethic and a general love for the game and players that he or she coaches.

That person makes an immediate impact in the school and community that they are a part of. The individual has expectations and follows through on them.

That someone is named Greg Carter Inkster's Head Football Coach. His dedication and leadership traits earned him The Journal Sports Newsmaker of the Year for 2006.

Carter managed to do at Inkster last year—only his second year at the school—what most coaches dream about doing their entire careers. He took his team all the way to the state championship finale at Ford Field in November. Inkster lost the game, but that doesn't mean it wasn't a huge accomplishment to get there.

"We had a pretty good team," Carter said. "We were a little leery of our offensive line before the season because they were so young. We didn't know if they would be able to protect our running backs and quarterback. But we knew we had a pretty good chance to make it to the finals."

The offensive line did its job, allowing

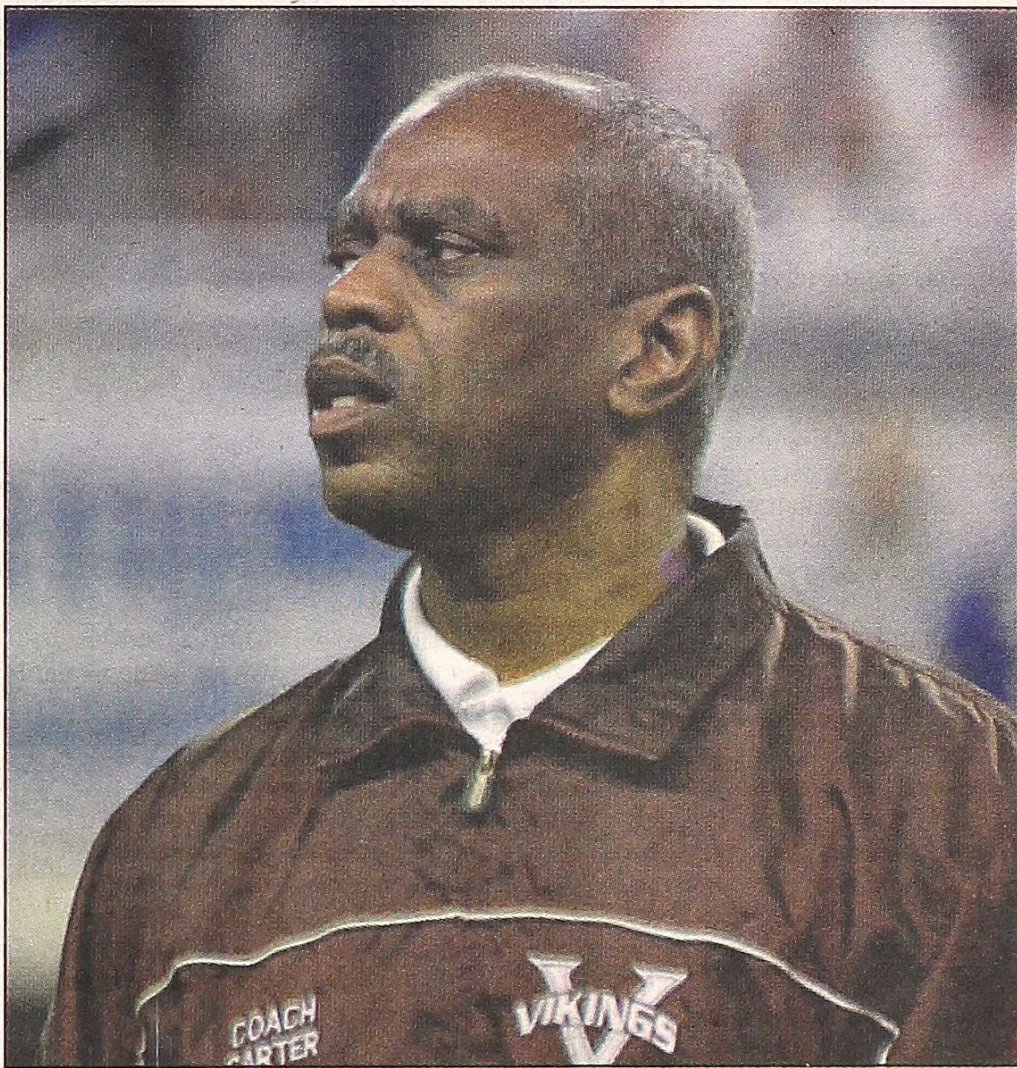
the backfield to rack up 2,895 yards and the quarterback to throw for 1,346 yards before the finale. The defense did its job, too, holding nine of 13 opponents to single digits with four shutouts. Only Ypsilanti (36—the team's only regular season loss), Romulus (29), Madison Heights Bishop Foley (13) and Montague (34) scored more than the average six points against the sturdy defense.

Carter made an immediate impact with the team in his first year in 2005. He turned a 1-7 team around to a 9-3 district championship team.

"There was a lot of talent here in Inkster," said Assistant Coach Mac Jones. "They just needed direction and Greg provided that. I knew he would eventually have an impact but I'm surprised how quick it was. It shows that kids here wanted to win and they bought into what Greg was teaching them."

Carter's winning trend started long before he accepted the Inkster job, though. As head coach of St. Martin dePorres he won back-to-back state championships in 1995 and 1996 and a third in 2003. He made it to the finals in 2004 but walked away as the runner up. So far he has racked up a 107-38 record in his 12 years career as a head football coach.

Before that he was a college baseball All-American at Kentucky State University. That led to short stint playing professional



Dedication and love of the game earned Inkster Coach Greg Carter the Journal Newspaper's Sports Newsmaker of the Year honors for 2006.

minor league baseball with the Detroit Tigers.

He was also a proficient high school quarterback at Detroit Mackenzie in the early '70s, according to Jones—who was the head coach at the high school at the time.

"He was an outstanding player and quarterback," Jones said. "He was as fine a young man as you could find and what

ever the business was he was successful in it."

Everyone knows Carter as the athletic director and football coach (and now the basketball coach) but little is ever said about him as the Dean of Discipline. This affords him the chance to work with individuals outside the arena of sports.

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Wayne Zebras win cross-town rivalry game

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

Any time cross-town rivals Wayne Memorial and John Glenn face off—in any sport—it's sure to be an exciting event.

Thursday's hardwood match-up in Westland was certainly no different.

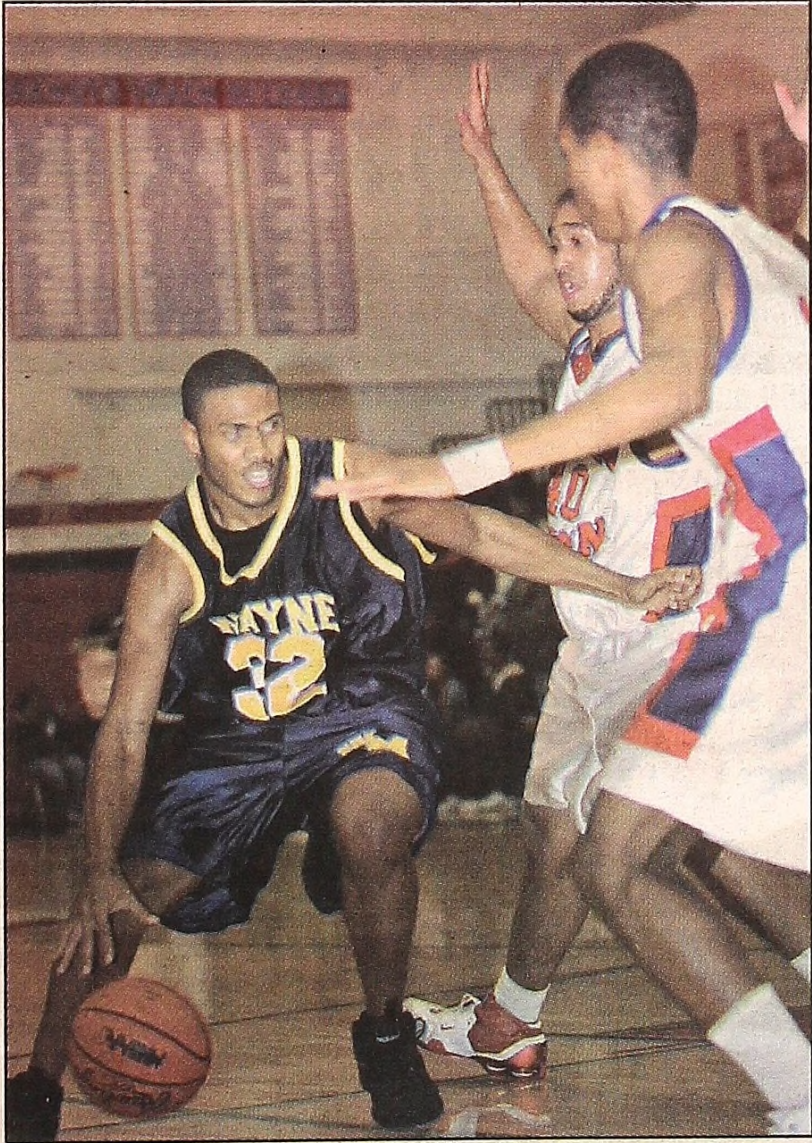
Wayne Memorial got on track in the second half to beat the Rockets, 71-67, in overtime.

Things were in favor of the Rockets through the first half; they outscored the Zebras 12-11 in the first frame and carried a nine-point lead, 34-25, into the locker room at the half.

Glenn was composed and disciplined through the first 16 minutes and out-rebounded Wayne 26-10. On offense, seven different players scored in the first half. Senior Rob Jones led the way with 10.

The tide changed at halftime.

Wayne tore the third quarter open with a 15-5 run—including a triple by sharp shooter John Hill that got it going. At the end of the run Wayne took the lead (40-39) for the first time since Rob Woodson's opening basket.



Wayne's Antonio Jones tries to get by host John Glenn's defense on Thursday. Wayne won the game 71-67 in overtime.

John Glenn regained their footing and controlled the remaining 3:30 of the quarter with a 12-5 run. That was enough to give the Rockets a 51-45 advan-

tage.

Wayne bounced back in the fourth, opening with a 15-3 run

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Canton struggles continue with loss to Pioneer on Tuesday

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

Canton's pre-conference run slid to 0-4 with a home loss to Ann Arbor Pioneer on Tuesday.

Pioneer is one of the better teams in the state and it showed. The Pioneers maintained at least a 12-point lead throughout most of the game and wrapped up the victory, 62-47.

The Chiefs struggled with turnovers—much like in the first three games—early on, giving the Pioneers too many easy baskets. Pioneer used those to its advantage, taking a 17-6 lead at the end of the first quarter. Pioneer put considerable pressure on the Chiefs in the frame.

"I thought we could pressure the guards a little bit," said Pioneer Coach Rex Stanczak. "Our goal for this game was to establish early, meaning we wanted to establish tempo, establish intensity from the get-go and just go at them. We play a lot better when we play all out."

In a controversial second frame, Pioneer jumped to a 35-19 lead.

At one point it looked like Canton narrowed the gap some when senior center Ryan Waidmann hit the first of two free

throws, grabbed the rebound off of the second and dipped it in for two, making the score 29-18. However, neither scorekeeper recorded two of the three points, making it 29-16. The score stood, according to the referee's ruling.

Waidmann also drained a buzzer-beating triple for the 35-19 halftime score.

Canton didn't fair any better in the third. J.T. Knight opened the second half with a triple, giving his Pioneers a 38-19 advantage. Canton never fully recovered and went into the final frame with a 17-point deficit.

Canton scored the first five points. Waidmann opened with a deuce followed by Steve Paye's split line attempt and Eric Thornton's layup at 6:32 to make it 47-35. The two teams traded baskets the rest of the way.

Pioneer had an outstanding night from Kevin Keeler, who scored 18, and Matt Pettit, who added 17. They both scored heavily from the post.

"Our offense is really up to what the defense gives us," Stanczak said. "It's basically all about reads. Sometimes what's there is the three-point shot, sometimes there are drives and

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SPORTS

Riding high Mustangs win Dexter tourney

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

The Northville Mustangs put up 137 points in two games last week to stay undefeated at 4-0 and win their second consecutive Dexter Holiday Tournament championship.

Senior guard Alvin Storrs racked up 55 total points. He scored 33 against Willow Run in the championship game on Thursday. The 'Stangs won, 73-51. Storrs also scored 22 in the 64-45 victory against Haslett last Tuesday.

"Competing in and winning the tournament is one of our goals every year," said Northville Coach Darrel Schumacher. "The competition is different every year and all the teams are excellently coached."

"Everybody tries to take Alvin out of the game," he added. "Even though teams double and triple team him, he manages to use his athleticism to score."

Schumacher had several players step up, as well.

Senior forward Bret Spencer had a career day against Haslett with 12 points. Junior forward Greg Hasse had his biggest varsity game, scoring 12 against Willow Run. Junior forward

Dan Kirkpatrick had a stellar night against Willow Run, adding 14 points.

Kirkpatrick's biggest shot came with the score tied at 32. With 24 seconds left in the first half, he drained a three-pointer to give his 'Stangs a 35-32 lead.

Then, in the third, he had three consecutive steals that he dished out to other players to help Northville to a 49-38 lead at the end of three. The Mustangs ran away with it from there.

Junior guard Steve Anderson had a terrific defensive game for Northville, according to Schumacher.

All 15 team members played in the first game against Haslett and 10 of them scored.

Although it's early yet, Schumacher said he sees signs of his undefeated team coming together.

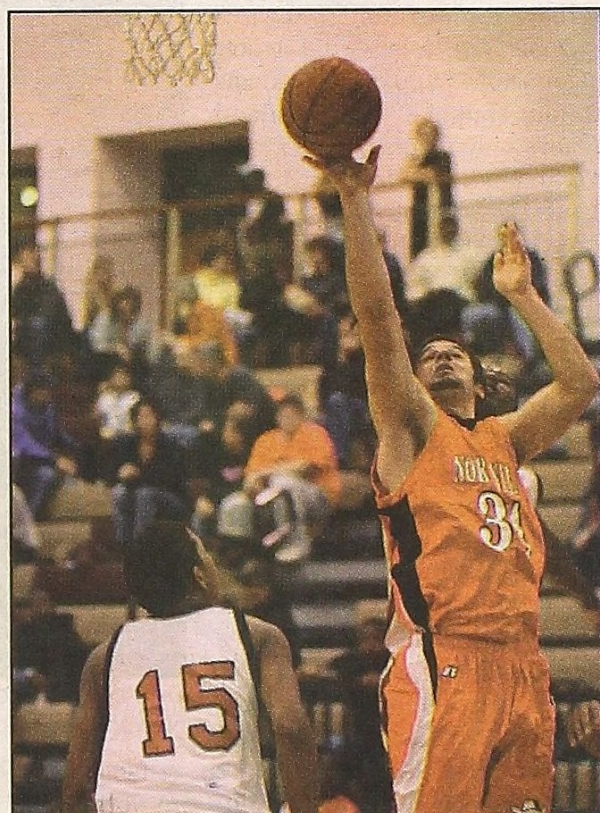
"I'm pleased with how we're playing right now," he said. "We're starting to find players roles. We're starting to find out what some players can and can't do."

Northville is off for the holiday break and will head to Churchill for a 7 p.m. match-up on Friday, Jan. 5.

The Mustangs will host John Glenn at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 9.



The Northville Mustangs celebrate their second straight Dexter Holiday Tournament championship last week. Photo by Lynn Kirkpatrick



Greg Hasse attempts a layup against Willow Run in the championship game on Thursday. He scored a personal best 12 points to help the Mustangs win, 73-51. Photo by Lynn Kirkpatrick



Bret goes after a rebound against Willow run on Thursday. He scored a career-high 12 points against Haslett last Tuesday. The Mustangs won the game, 64-45. Photo by Lynn Kirkpatrick

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Rivalry

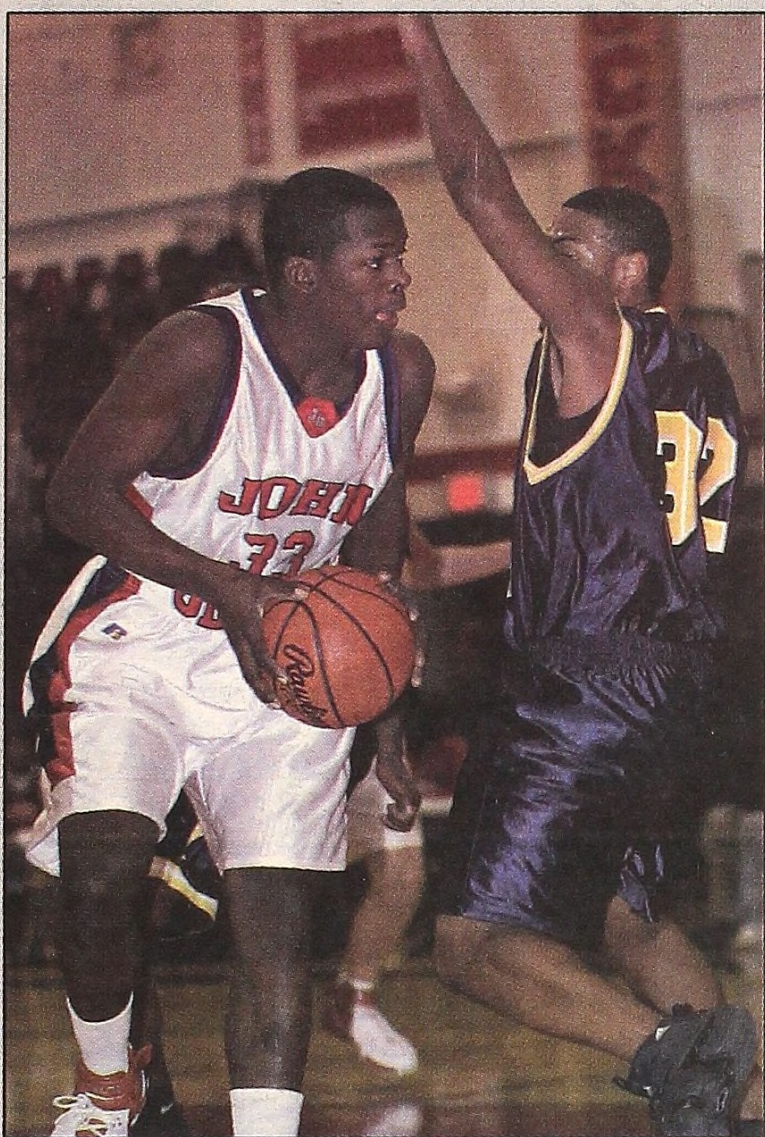
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led by seven consecutive points that included a triple from Mike Lee. That put the Zebras up again, 60-54. Then the momentum swung back into the Rockets' favor. A three point play by junior Keshawn Martin knotted things up, 61-61, with 2:07 to play. The teams traded baskets with Glenn junior Earl Hardison sinking his shot with 22 seconds left to play and sending the game into overtime.

Wayne took an early lead in the extra period with baskets from Martez Abrley and Hill for a 68-65 advantage and Woodson hit two from the line to extend it further. Glenn had six chances to drain triples in the final seconds of overtime—all ricocheted off the rim—but the Rockets had to settle for two from Jones with about :04 left. Woodson finished off the scoring, splitting a pair from the charity stripe for the 71-67 final.

Both teams finished with five players in double digits. Hill led Wayne—and all scorers—with 17. Lee added 16; Woodson, 15; Antonio Jones, 11; and Abrley, 10.

Stefan Marken and Hardison scored 13 for Glenn. Rob Jones knocked down 12; Martin, 11; and Jackie Wilson, 10.



Wayne's Antonio Jones tries to get by host John Glenn's defense on Thursday. Wayne won the game 71-67 in overtime.

"In a game like this against a cross-town rival the emotions are high," said first-year Glenn coach Dan Young. "I thought either team could have won it.

After starting the season 0-3, Wayne goes into the holiday break with two straight wins; they beat Riverview last Tuesday.

Saline squeezes by Canton swimmers

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

Canton won seven events against Saline's swim and dive team but lost by one point, 93-92, at home on Tuesday.

"(We) had a nice meet," said Canton Coach Ed Weber. "Several swims were better than expected. This meet will help prepare us for the WLAA conference meet at Salem."

Ross Schwarz won two of the events for the now 1-1 Chiefs. He was top swimmer in the 200-yard freestyle with a blistering 1:57.10. He beat out teammate Richard Zhang (1:59.29) and Saline's Alex Wu (2:03.57).

Schwarz also won the 500-yard freestyle, finishing in 5:23.50. Zhang was right on his tail again in second (5:30.40) and Saline's Travis Littlejohn placed third (5:42.28).

Canton's Matt Carlson took first place in the 200-yard IM with a finals time of 2:04.17. Fellow Chief Robert Blaesser followed in second (2:15.03) ahead of third place winner Sam Wittig of Saline.

Blaesser also took first (1:00.64) in the 100-yard backstroke. Saline's Nick Scheider (1:01.81) and Frasier Christie (1:08.21) followed him in.

Chief swimmer Kevin Karlinski (1:09.64) edged out Saline's Wittig by .12 of a second in the 100-yard breaststroke. Drew Dakin slid into third (1:10.24) for Saline.

Canton's Jon Templeton finished second (1:03.85) behind Saline's Noah Whitener (55.42) in the 100-yard butterfly race. Saline's Jacob Mauthe (103.85) was third. Templeton also took third place in the 50-yard freestyle with a time of 24.18. He followed behind Whitener (22.46) and Justin Goug (23.96) of Saline.

Chris McGinnis captured a third in the 1-meter diving competition with a score of 145.75. Saline's Joel Chambers won the event with 211.35 and his teammate, Andrew Devries was second (191.30).

Canton won only one of the three relay events.

Templeton, McGinnis, Schwarz and Carlson combined for the only relay victory in the 200-yards freestyle. They finished in 1:38.09—nearly four seconds ahead of the Saline team. Chiefs Schwarz, Karlinski, Templeton and Blaesser placed second (3:39.72) in the 400-yard freestyle. Blaesser, Carlson, Chris Marinica and McGinnis were also second (1:48.32) in the 200-yard Medley.

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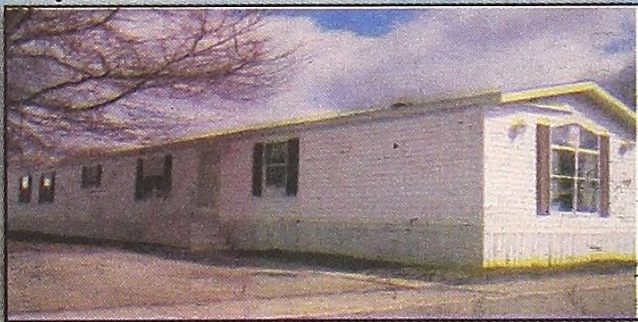
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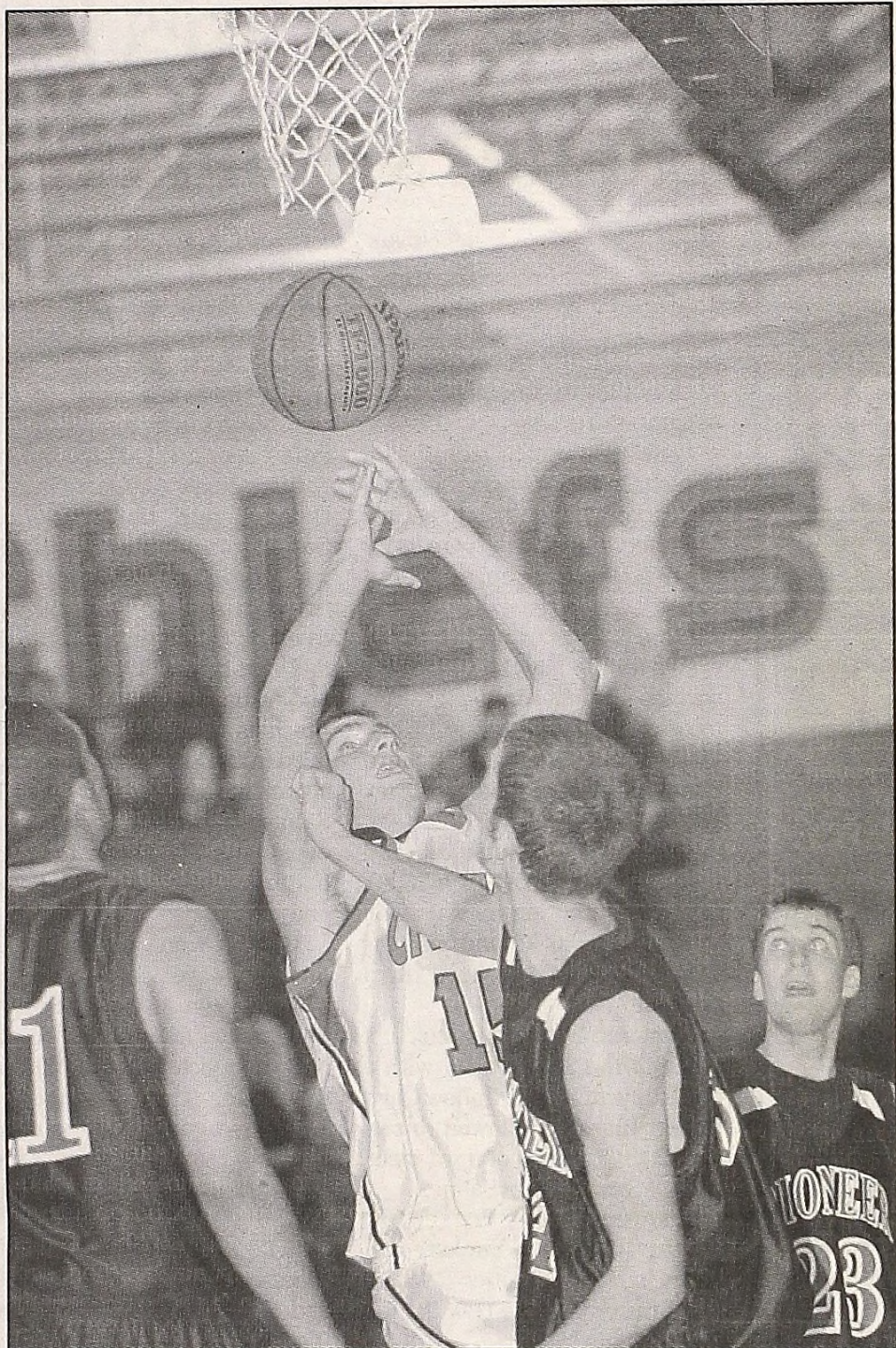


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Canton's Ryan Waidmann grabs a rebound against Ann Arbor Pioneer last Tuesday. He scored 17 for the Chiefs in the 62-47 loss at home.

Chiefs

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sometimes there's the post and Keeler had a monster night."

Waidmann led Canton with 17.

The winless record was unexpected to Canton Coach Charlie Paye.

"We didn't think that we would be 0-4 at this point but we told the guys that this is non-conference and we have to get ready for the league," he said. "There's nothing we can do about it now and it is what it is."

"We're just not seeing the floor well," he added. "We have guys open ahead

but our heads are down so that will be a point of emphasis the next couple of weeks."

Canton has three crossover games before they start league play. The first isn't until after the New Year when the Chiefs visit cross-campus rival Salem at 7 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 5. Then they host Walled Lake Western at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 9 and are away at Stevenson at 7 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 12. The first conference contest is at Plymouth at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 16.

"I still believe in this team," Paye said. "This is a good team and we have some good ball players. We're just not getting it together right now."

Carter

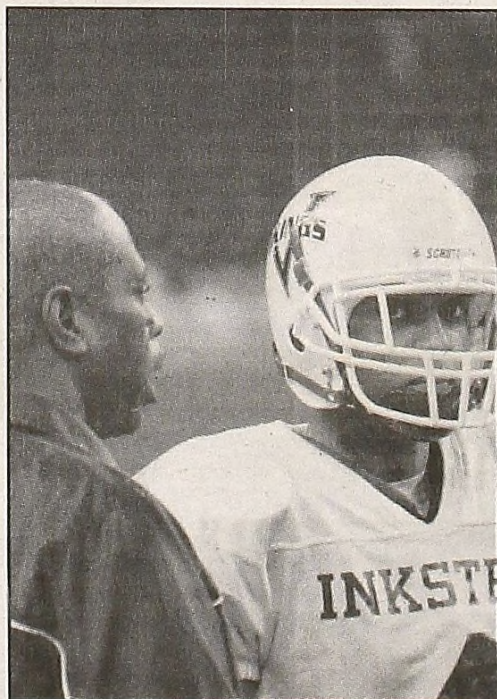
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"I just love working with kids in general," Carter said. "This gives me a chance to work with kids who aren't student athletes. I like working with them and it gives me a chance to help a lot more kids."

"Greg has a special quality and is able to impart it on the kids," Jones added. "He's taught them discipline and self discipline. He teaches them that there are things that they are responsible for and if they do those things good things will happen be it in football or life."

Carter still has one year left on his three-year contract with Inkster. He said that when the time comes he hopes he is still a part of the Inkster community.

"The community has really been supportive and I like being here," he said. "I'm just having fun. I like working with the kids and I just want to be good every year and have a program that people can respect."



Carter talks things over with star junior quarterback Aaron Shavers at Ford Field last month in the state championship game.

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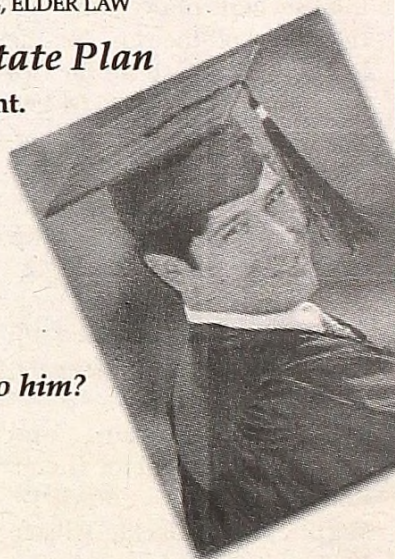
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SUTHERLAND, Thomas Edward, age 52, of Howell, formerly of Canton, MI, died Friday, December 22, 2006 at home with his family and friends and dog at his side. Born December 5, 1954 in Detroit, MI, the son of William and Geraldine (Fitzpatrick) Sutherland. He was a master electrician for Ford Motor Company; a member of The Bow Hunting League and loved his dog, Bridgette. Beloved husband of Vickie Jo (Brumlett) Sutherland, whom he married March 12, 1976 in Westland; dear father of Angela Ann (Derick) DeBord of Howell; Amy Lynn (Gerold) Grice and Jamie Lynn (Clifford) Mayhew, both of Boyne City; grandfather of Zackary and Jacob DeBord; brother of Billy (Cheryl) Sutherland of Westland; Christa (Tim) Cockrum of Garden City, Julie (Ron) Gionta of Pittsburgh and Jeri Sutherland of Novi; also survived by his father William of Canton. Visitation Thursday 1-4 & 6-8 PM and Friday 1-8 PM with services Saturday 1 PM (visitation 11-1 PM) at MacDonald's Funeral Home, Howell (517-546-2800). Burial to follow at Sanford Cemetery. Visit online guest book at: macdonaldsfuneralhome.com

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Spicy California Raisin-Wine Sauced New York Strip With Warm Green Bean-USA-Grown Peanut Salad

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Serves: 6

- New York Strip**
- 2 tablespoons chopped garlic
 - 2 tablespoons cumin
 - 2 tablespoons ground coriander
 - 1 1/2 tablespoons salt
 - 1/4 cup olive oil
 - 6 New York strip steaks (about 12 ounces each)

Spicy Raisin-Wine Sauce

- 1/2 cup red wine
- 1/4 cup California raisins
- 1 tablespoon honey
- 2 tablespoons Dijon mustard
- 1 teaspoon chopped fresh oregano
- 1/2 teaspoon chopped cilantro
- 1 teaspoon chipotle peppers canned in adobo sauce
- 1/2 teaspoon chopped shallot
- Salt and pepper to taste

Warm Green Bean Salad

- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 1/2 pounds fresh green beans, trimmed and blanched
- 2 tablespoons chopped shallot
- 1/2 cup roasted red peppers, cut into matchstick-size pieces (julienne)
- 1 cup roasted USA-grown peanuts
- 2 tablespoons chopped fresh parsley
- 1/4 cup balsamic vinegar
- Salt and pepper to taste

Combine garlic, cumin, coriander, salt and olive oil in small bowl and mix together. Rub onto steaks and arrange in shallow dish; refrigerate 1 to 2 hours.

In small saucepan, heat wine just to boiling for sauce. Measure raisins into small bowl and pour wine over; let stand 10 to 15 minutes until raisins are soft. Add remaining ingredients and puree in food processor or blender; set aside.

For salad, heat oil in large skillet and sauté shallot over medium-high heat 2 to 3 minutes. Add remaining ingredients; cook until heated through and beans are tender-crisp.

To serve, remove steak from refrigerator; drain and grill over high heat for 4 minutes per side until preferred doneness (145°F for medium rare). Remove from grill and drizzle with raisin wine sauce. Serve with green bean-peanut salad.

Grilled Veal Chop With California Raisin Pilaf and Toasted USA-Grown Peanuts

Serves: 6

- Veal**
- 6 veal chops (about 10 ounces each)
 - 1 12-ounce bottle garlic-olive oil marinade
 - Salt and pepper, to taste

Rice Pilaf

- 1 5.9-ounce package rice pilaf mix
- 1/2 cup California raisins
- 1 cup USA-grown peanuts, toasted
- 1/4 cup chopped parsley

Combine chops and marinade in shallow pan; let stand 1 to 2 hours in refrigerator, turning occasionally.

Cook pilaf according to package directions. Add remaining ingredients to hot pilaf and mix together. Keep hot.

Remove chops from marinade. Discard used marinade and grill chops over high heat 5 to 6 minutes per side until done (145°F for medium rare). Spoon 1/4 cup pilaf onto each serving plate; arrange grilled veal chop on top. Serve immediately.

Grilled Filet Mignon With California Raisin-Onion Jam and USA-Grown Peanut Garden Sauté

Serves: 6

Raisin-Onion Jam

- 1/2 tablespoon olive oil
- 1/4 medium yellow onion, thinly sliced (julienne)
- 1 tablespoon balsamic vinegar
- 1/2 tablespoon honey
- 1/4 cup California raisins
- 1 small sprig fresh thyme
- 1/2 teaspoon fresh lemon zest
- Salt and pepper to taste

Blue Cheese Glaze

- 1/2 cup crumbled Gorgonzola cheese
- 2 tablespoons mayonnaise
- 1/2 tablespoon chopped parsley
- 1/2 tablespoon chopped chives
- 1/4 teaspoon black pepper

Garden Sauté

- 3 ounces steak-cut bacon, diced
- 2 1/4 teaspoons chopped garlic
- 1 1/2 tablespoons chopped shallot
- 6 cups fresh chopped Swiss chard leaves or beet greens, stems and ribs removed
- 3/4 cup roasted USA-grown peanuts
- Salt and pepper to taste

Filet

- 6 filet mignon (about 6 ounces each)
- Olive oil
- Salt and pepper, to taste

For jam, heat oil in 12-inch skillet over medium heat. Add onions and cook until soft. Stir in vinegar and honey; cook 1 minute. Add raisins, thyme and lemon zest; cook over medium heat until reduced. Remove thyme sprig and divide mixture in half. Add half to food processor or blender and pulse until smooth. Combine with remaining mixture in skillet and mix well. Season to taste and set aside.

In a small bowl, combine ingredients for blue cheese glaze; mix well and set aside.

Cook bacon in large saucepan over medium-high heat for 6 to 7 minutes, until almost crispy. Add garlic and shallot; cook 2 to 3 minutes more until soft. Stir in Swiss chard; cook and toss until wilted, 3 to 4 minutes. Stir in peanuts and season to taste.

To serve, brush steaks with oil and season with salt and pepper. Spoon 1 to 2 tablespoons of glaze onto each steak. Grill steaks over high heat for 4 to 5 minutes per side until they reach preferred doneness (145°F for medium rare) and glaze is golden brown. Remove from grill and add a heaping dollop of jam. Serve with garden sauté.



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